

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 29, 2008
6:30 pm**

The Pike County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the Pike County Commissioners Meeting Room, Zebulon, Georgia. Members present were presiding Chairman Steve Fry, Commissioner Tommy Powers, Commissioner Jake Garner, Commissioner Parrish Swift and Commissioner Roosevelt Willis. Also in attendance were County Attorney Rob Morton and County Manager Steve Marro. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED EVERYONE TO JOIN HIM IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (1)

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Remove unfinished business item A at the request of DFACS
- Remove Jimmy Bass from Public Comment at Mr. Bass' request.
- Add under New Business Donnie Bennett regarding trading days for his test track
- Add under Executive Session Personnel-Planning and Development pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008 AT 9:00 AM PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to approve the July 9, 2008 minutes as written. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES-MONTHLY REPORTS SUBMITTED FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES

MOTION

Commissioner Garner made the motion to receive the reports from County Departments and County Authorities as submitted. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES-COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

1) Mr. Marro passed out to the commissioners a listing of new S.P.L.O.S.T. election dates after the passage of House Bill 296. The change in dates might affect any S.P.L.O.S. T. votes in Pike County for 2010.

2) Mr. Marro apologized to Carol Bass regarding the open records request that was received late. United Bank had made errors on the reports, therefore causing the delay.

3) The most recent minutes and agendas for the Board of Commissioners meetings are now on the Pike County Website.

4) The Zebulon Baptist Church has requested to use the courthouse grounds on Saturday, September 11, 2008 for a chicken bbq.

MOTION

Commissioner Willis made the motion to allow the Zebulon Baptist Church to use the Courthouse grounds for a Bar-B-Q chicken sale on September 27, 2008. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

5) The Pan-Flu meeting will be held on August 6, 2008 at the Pike County Health Department. Darrell Riggins, Mike Singleton and Darlene Smith will represent Pike County at this meeting. Pike County will also receive \$3,000.00 from GEMA for participating.

6) Mr. Marro presented the monthly financial reports to the commissioners. There was one question about the salaries for the E-911 department. Mr. Marro said that he'd have Sean Townsend look into this. It was stated that the E-911 department changed from Dept #38 to Dept. #215 and that might have something to do with this. Commissioner Swift asked about getting the financials posted to the website and asked how difficult it was to get these into a pdf format. Mr. Marro said it usually isn't difficult to get reports into the pdf format but he wasn't sure how the CSI system worked with regard to this.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEES-COMMISSIONERS REPORT

District 1- Commissioner Willis asked County Manager Marro if he had mentioned that Mr. Whitley had made a proposal to work on a contract basis. Mr. Marro said that that was going to be discussed in executive session.

District 2- Commissioner Swift stated that he wanted to see the budget online. He then asked what the status of the Grisham case was. County Attorney Morton said that he understood that the Planning and Development department has done further investigation and he had spoken with Ms. Danielson. Mr. Oswald has cooperated with all the items that Ms. Danielson has asked him to remove. Mr. Oswald will provide a written, certified statement saying that he is not conducting an ongoing business or garage at this location. Ms. Danielson has seen no further violations on Mr. Oswald's property in order to cite him. Commissioner Swift asked when Mr. Morton had become involved; was he acting as council for the Planning and Development department. Mr. Morton said that he was providing the report because he had asked Ms. Danielson for an update because at the last meeting, Commissioner Swift had asked for Morton & Morton to get a history and Ms. Danielson had provided that history from what information they had at Planning and Development. Commissioner Swift said that he's received 12-13 phone calls from Mrs. Grisham. Commissioner Swift said that he was told that Sandy Danielson told Mrs. Grisham that the county would give Mr. Oswald 90 days to clean up the junk vehicles but that Ms. Danielson can renew this every 90 days and keep giving Mr. Oswald 90 days to comply. Swift said that he didn't know if this was accurate or not. County Attorney Morton said that Ms. Danielson had reported to him today that there was a jack-lift on the ground, a steel shelving unit on the ground, a car hood on the ground and a lawnmower. Per Ms. Danielson, there was not one junk vehicle on the ground. Mr. Morton said that he had not personally been out to the property but he was reporting what Ms. Danielson had told him. If there were any junk vehicles, they were located on a wrecker. Commissioner Swift said that Joan White had said that she was going to confront both parties and find out what it would take to resolve this issue. Commissioner Swift said that he had been getting excuses and County Attorney Morton said that he wasn't going to say anything then. County Manager Marro said that Mr. Oswald has said that he is not running a business down there and he is getting a signed, sealed affidavit stating such. Code enforcement said that he's cleaned the yard up. Mr. Marro also stated that Ms. Grisham has also got cars on her property that need to be moved; they are not registered, tagged, insured. Mr. Marro said that this has been an ongoing issue for 12 years. Commissioner Swift asked if the county can get a formal document written by the county attorney representing Planning and Development and the Board of Commissioners advising them what they can and can not do; what has been and what is expected of the neighbors. Swift wants this in a legal format so that he can stop dealing with this situation. Mr. Marro said that Planning and Development has been communicating with the parties involved in writing, by telephone and in person. Mr. Marro said that there is only so much the county can do in this situation. Mr. Marro said that Mr. Oswald has not been found in violation of any code in Pike County. Commissioner Swift said that he

wondered who was at his disposal that can accomplish goals for him. He said that he's not sure that everybody is trying. He said that he will handle this situation his own way.

District 3-Commissioner Powers had nothing tonight.

District 4-Commissioner Garner asked if money had been improperly used at the Rec Department. He said that he had been told recently that a county visa card had been used for personal shoes and Dish Network. Mr. Marro said that the GBI is working on this and referred the issue to the county attorney. County Attorney Rob Morton said that a report had been made to law enforcement. This report was then forwarded to the GBI. A criminal investigation is still going on. Mr. Marro said that the GBI is dragging this out.

MOTION

Commissioner Garner made the motion to prosecute Shawn Shoats. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

District 1-Commissioner Willis had one more item. He asked about the boat ramp at the Shoals Subdivision. County Attorney Morton said that a complaint had been filed with the EPD and that an investigation was on-going.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEES-COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Morton said that he was asked by Don Bailey to give an animal control update since he was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Bailey is moving forward in his attempt to organize an animal shelter in Pike County. Mr. Bailey was questioning whether or not impact fees can be used for an animal control shelter. Mr. Bailey has obtained an attorney and is trying to organize as a tax-free entity. Both Representative Billy Maddox and Senator Chance have been spoken to about getting a non-binding referendum in January 2009.

Mr. Morton then gave an update on the code that exists per the Board of Commissioners minutes. The paralegal is still comparing resolutions passed and is looking for any conflict. Titles 1-13 are now completed and they are currently working on Title 15. Once completed, the code will be put into an electronic version, will be codified and then placed on the website.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR UNFINISHED BUSINESS-NONE

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of dedicating a portion of US Highway 19 in memory of Trooper Tony M. Lumley-Chairman Fry said that he had received a call from Trooper Lumley's mother requesting that a portion of US Hwy 19 be dedicated or renamed in Trooper Lumley's honor. Chairman Fry said that he wanted to find out what needed to be done to do this since it is a US highway. Commissioner Swift said that he understand that a prior Board had gone through the channels necessary to dedicate part of Hwy 19 for Shi Holmes. This had been presented to Senator Chance on 2 different occasions. Commissioner Swift asked how the Board could find the status on that, also. Commissioner Powers then said that the Board of Commissioners had tried to get Hwy 109 named Donnie Dickens Highway but was told that the state didn't do this anymore. Mr. Powers said that since that time, he's seen highway names changed. Commissioner Swift asked how recognition would be shown; where would the name appear? Chairman Fry said probably a road sign.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to follow up with the requirements for dedicating portions of US or State highways inside Pike County for Trooper Tony M. Lumley, Shi Holmes and Donnie Dickens. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

B. Discussion of moving logging permits to Public Works. Mr. Marro said that at a previous meeting the Board was asked to move the driveway permitting from Planning and Development to the Public Works Department. This has been done and several meeting have taken place between Planning and Development, Public Works, and Mr. Mark Whitley. There are several places in the code that need to be changed regarding the driveway permitting process. As an outcome of these meetings, it was determined that the best place for logging permits was also the

Public Works Department. They will have to go out and determine where the driveways are going in for the logging operations as well as providing the culvert. Mr. Goolsby feels that it would be much easier to have this process at Public Works. Mr. Marro said that this will also help track that the county is getting tax revenue from the logging cuts that are going on. Commissioner Garner said that the language needed to be changed from logging permit to logging request per the legislature. Mr. Garner said that when the ordinance is written, the procedure is for the logging company to obtain a driveway permit. This permit will specify the route and destination. Commissioner Garner said that he had a copy of the state legislation and will make it available to the Public Works Department.

MOTION

Commissioner Garner made the motion to transfer the issuance of logging requests from Planning and Zoning to the Public Works Department. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

C. Appoint one member to the Recreation Authority. Chairman Fry read the applications of the two citizens that applied for the Recreation Authority. Applications were received from:

Robert Hinkle II
Glen Rawlins

MOTION

Commissioner Willis made the motion to appoint Robert Hinkle II to the Recreation Authority. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

D. Discuss adopting Resolution to adopt the CIE update. Chairman Fry said that he had just received a letter from the Department of Community Affairs sent to McIntosh Trail RDC. The DCA said that the annual update for the CIE for Pike County address applicable requirement and that the next step will be for the County to adopt the CIE updates. Once this has taken place, and send a digital copy of the final version of the document, the DCA will notify Pike County that it's Qualified Local Status has been extended. DCA has requested that a copy of the resolution be faxed to McIntosh Trail. County Manager Marro said that he had been waiting for that letter from McIntosh Trail. Mr. Marro said that the resolution had been adopted on February 28, 2008. Mr. Marro said that this would be transmitted in the morning.

E. Discuss paving bids for fire stations. Mr. Marro stated that the commissioner had in their packets bids from five different companies interested in doing the paving work at the fire stations. All bids were done in accordance to the bid specifications. The driveways are 4000 pound psi with six and eight inch depths, depending on where they are. The are reinforced with steel reinforcing rod. The ground will be covered with 6 mil polyethylene, etc. These bids were just for the Williamson Station and did not include Lifsey Springs. Bids were:

Barnes Stamped Concrete of Barnesville GA	\$106,120.00
McLeRoy	\$88,400.00
Dixie Masonry Concrete Corp.	\$72,400.00
Dean Ryan Construction	\$69,065.00

Commissioner Garner asked if they all had references. Mr. Marro said that they did and also had certificates of insurance. Mr. Marro stated that it appeared that Dean Ryan Construction was the lowest bidder. Mr. Marro said that there is \$92,000.00 remaining from S.P.L.O.S.T. to cover the Williamson station project. This would not cover Lifsey Springs and Lifsey Springs has not been bid out yet. Commissioner Swift suggested paving Lifsey Springs first however Todd Goolsby said that the Williamson site is ready for paving. Commissioner Powers said that he wanted to see Lifsey Springs paved. County Manager Marro said that he fully intended to pave Lifsey Springs. Commissioner Swift said that we're saying that S.P.L.O.S.T. monies are available but is that without doing anything to the Hollonville Station? Mr. Marro said no, the building will be purchased but does not include the erection, site work or concrete.

Commissioner Garner said that if the contractor was putting steel in the concrete, he could go to a 3000 mix without the fiber if he's putting reinforced steel in it. Chairman Fry said that they were putting #4 rebar in on 24" centers. Commissioner Garner said that they could drop the price on the concrete without the fiber in it. County Manager Marro asked Commissioner Garner if he was saying that they could do 3000 pound without the fiber? Commissioner Garner said that he does it all the time. Chairman Fry said that if they changed the specs, they'd have to put

it back out to bid. Commissioner Garner said that he was just looking at saving some money and get the same product.

MOTION

Commissioner Willis made the motion to award fire station paving bid to Dean Ryan Construction which was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$69,065.00 as the specs are listed with the receipt of the references and they are good. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 4-1 vote with Commissioner Garner opposed.

F. Discuss 'deeding' the Lamar County water line over to them. Mr. Marro stated that Carter and Sloope had presented a letter requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider turning over that portion of the EIP water line project that installed the water lines from Lamar County to Ranew's on Hwy 41 to Lamar County. Per Mr. Marro, this would also include the metering pit. County Attorney Morton said that the contract between the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority stated that once the project was complete, that portion would be conveyed over to Lamar County. Chairman Fry asked if there was any language that would prevent Lamar County from decreasing flow or maintaining a certain amount for that meter. Is there an agreement on the pressure or volume that comes through there? Mr. Tom Lacey, Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority said that the contract with Lamar County states that they have to provide up to 100,000 gallons a day and the only way they can reduce the flow would be in the case of an emergency.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to deed the water lines over to Lamar County. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Commissioner Garner asked what would be considered 'an emergency' in order to short the gallons per minute. Tom Lacey said that it would be if a line broke and would only be short term. Commissioner Swift asked if there was a definition of an emergency.

Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

G. Discussion of Recreation Authority ADA restroom facilities. Mr. Marro said that he had been requested by the Board to put this discussion on the agenda. Mr. Marro said that the bid pricing was presented to them. Commissioner Swift asked how many commissioners had asked to have this on the agenda. None of the commissioners said that they had requested that this issue be placed on the agenda.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to remove the discussion of the Rec. Authority ADA restrooms from the agenda. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

H. Regional Water Authority appointments. Mr. Marro said that the Regional Water Authority was looking for board members and asked the commissioners if anyone would be interested in serving on the board. Mr. Marro said that Tommy Burnsed had said that he was interested in being on the board but Mr. Marro said that he thought that the invitation was only open to commissioners. Tom Lacey, Chairman of the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority said that it was not required to be a commissioner to serve on the board. Commissioner Garner said that he would be interested in serving on this board.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to appoint Commissioner Jake Garner to the Regional Water Authority. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 4-0-1 vote with Commissioner Garner abstaining.

MOTION

Commissioner Garner made the motion to run an ad in the paper for Regional Water Authority members. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

I. Discussion of reappointment of Darrell Riggins to District 4 EMS. Commissioner Swift said that he had just been appointed and asked if he was filling someone else's term. Nancy Cook said that Mr. Riggins had filled the term vacated by Troop Sutherland.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to re-appoint Darrell Riggins to the District 4 EMS Council. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

J. Tom Lacey to discuss proposed water ordinance. Mr. Lacey said that he had sent a copy of the proposed ordinance to the county attorney, county manager and to Chairman Fry. This ordinance would lay down some guidelines for future water extensions in the county. The main issue that this would cover would be if you have a water line that is going down your road, the residents would be required to tie onto the line rather than to put in a well. Mr. Lacey also said that if a sub-division was built within 2000 feet of an existing line, the developer would be required to connect into this main line for the sub-division. Once a person puts in a request for a tap (tapping the main line, lining over to county property, meter box, meter) and the meter is installed, that residence will receive a monthly charge. Currently the minimum charge is \$32.00 per month. This would be used to payback any loan that was taken to put in the lines. People have requested to have taps put in but don't want the meters and don't want to pay for the water. These people are taking advantage of the fire hydrants that are put out there. The Water and Sewerage Authority is just asking people to pay their share. Per Mr. Lacey, this ordinance was taken from surrounding counties and the Water Authority's attorney looked at it and it has been passed on now to the county attorney. Mr. Lacey said that they have no enforcing powers whatsoever currently and this ordinance could give that to them. Commissioner Garner asked who would be in charge of enforcing this ordinance. Mr. Lacey said that Code Enforcement officer. Mr. Lacey said that the main purpose of this ordinance would be to allow the Water and Sewerage Authority to get this minimum payment. Mr. Lacey said that if residents would run their houses off of the water lines, they could use the wells for everything else. Commissioner Swift said that businesses should be required to tap onto these lines. Mr. Lacey said that that was addressed in this ordinance. Chairman Fry stated that the distance requirement for subdivisions was 2500 feet, not 2000 feet. Commissioner Powers said that he had a problem with forcing people to do something that they might not want to do. He feels that this is taking their rights away from them. Mr. Lacey said that they had to satisfy the money. Mr. Lacey said that the residents will also get a reduction on their insurance once the ISO study is done because of the fire hydrants. Mr. Lacey said existing houses would not be required to tap onto the water lines. This was just for new homes. Mr. Marro recommended that County Attorney Morton take a look at this ordinance.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to allow public comment. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

Buddy Fuller said that it was against state law to have two water sources.

County Attorney Morton said that there is a state law that authorizes a local utility to charge a fee whether the user uses the system or not. If the system is available, the state law authorizes the local government to charge the fee if they so desire.

MOTION

Commissioner Garner made the motion to ask the County Attorney to review the proposed water ordinance. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

K. ADA Projects on County-owned buildings. Mr. Marro said that there have been several projects that have been "hanging" for quite some time. Mike Betts, Building and Grounds supervisor took bids on the work that is needed. Work to be done include making the bathrooms at the Planning and Development office handicap accessible to the public; front sidewalks and side entrance to the Courthouse Annex; and the ramp leading to the Planning and Development office. Commissioner Garner suggested using the mobile construction crew from the Department of Prisons. County Manager Marro said that he'd look into that.

MOTION

Commissioner Garner made the motion to hold off on bids until the county manager check on the mobile construction unit (GA Dept of Corrections mobile construction crew) to do ADA work on county buildings. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

L. First Reading of FY 2008 Financial Budget Resolution #1-County Manager Marro asked to have this postponed until the next meeting so that the figures on the budget resolution can be checked.

M. First Reading of FY 2008 Financial Budget Resolution #2

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to move from account 100 to account 245 for the Drug Abuse and Education Fees. (budget resolution #2). Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

N. First Reading of FY 2008 Financial Budget Resolution #3

MOTION

Commissioner Willis made the motion to move from account 100 to account 285 the amount of \$10,150.00 (budget resolution #3). Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

O. First Reading of FY 2008 Financial Budget Resolution #4

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to move from account 100 to account 365 the amount of \$20,000.00 in the jail construction fund (budget resolution #4). Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

Please note that each of the preceding three budget amendments is done to put the county into compliance with the Georgia Chart of Accounts.

P. Bid award on Fire Station garage door openers. Mr. Marro said that bids have been received for the new automatic garage door openers on the fire stations. Mr. Marro presented a spreadsheet to the commissioners pertaining to these bids. Bids were received from:

Overhead Door	\$9,830.00
TC Doors & Things	\$9,900.00
McLeRoy	\$9,240.00

This puts openers on eleven doors; five at Lifsey Springs and six at Williamson. Mr. Marro mentioned that there was a difference between the worm screw and trolley systems. Commissioner Swift said that this was one of the items that were taken out of the plans during the bidding “frenzy” without anybody that has knowledge of the fire department and/or representing the taxpayers advised. He said that he didn’t want to see this as a change order. Commissioner Swift asked if this cost could come out of ‘small equipment’ for the fire stations County Manager Marro said that there was \$28,000.00 in the small equipment account but that he wasn’t sure what this was allocated for. Mr. Marro said that there was discussion about applying this to the small equipment account rather than taking it from the S.P.L.O.S.T... Commissioner Willis said that he didn’t think these were bid ‘apples to apples’. Mr. Willis said that McLeRoy and TC Doors and Things bid 11 door openers and nothing else. Overhead Door Systems bid 11 door openers, 2 keyless entries, 24 remotes. Mr. Marro said that they were all bidding the same thing. Overhead Door said that there would need to be trolleys out there, that the worm screws would not work because the way they were constructed. Mr. Marro said that all the bid information was in the commissioner’s packets, however the only thing presented to the commissioners in their packets was the spreadsheet. (Nancy Cook left the meeting to make copies for the commissioners.) Commissioner Willis said that he’d rather take the recommendation from Overhead Doors since that’s the only work that they do. Commissioner Garner suggested that Mr. Marro contact some of the surrounding counties that have full time fire departments and ask if they’ve had any problems with one versus the other. Mr. Marro said that this was not part of the original fire station bid.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to allow public comment. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

A citizen stated that he's worked for trucking companies and they don't use the trolley systems and their doors are normally higher and wider than the doors in question here. He didn't know why these types of doors (worm screws) couldn't work on fire stations.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to table this discussion until later in the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

Q. Donnie Bennett to discuss trading days for his test track. Mr. Marro said that Mr. Bennett had asked him to be placed on the agenda for this meeting however Mr. Marro forgot to have this placed on the agenda. Mr. Bennett has asked to be allowed to be open one Saturday a month from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm to test his engines. Mr. Bennett makes engines for go-carts. Becky Watts said that this would need to be advertised in advance. County Attorney Morton said that Mr. Bennett's business license was issued with the restriction that he only does testing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00pm until 5:00 pm. It was suggested that this be placed on the next agenda but was stated that a public hearing would not be required.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to retrieve item 'P' from the table for the bid award on fire station openers. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Garner asked if there was a project engineer on this project. Mr. Marro said no but that he had been asking for one for one year.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to rebid the door openers. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion however the motion did not carry.

County Attorney Morton suggested that the bidders come to the next meeting before this was rebid.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to postpone decision on fire station door openers and to have the bids, bidders and Mr. Mike Betts here at the next meeting. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION- PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1) AND PERSONNEL-PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session for the purposes of Pending Litigation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1) and Personnel-Planning and Development pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6) at 8:56 pm. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to exit Executive Session and re-enter Open Session at 10:18 pm. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT-

A. John Morrison to discuss Zoning Mr. Morrison brought up the signs outside of the title pawn shop on Hwy 19 N. Mr. Morrison said that there was only to be one sign and that there were to be no banner signs. Commissioner Willis said that he had looked at this today and that there were four signs up; two for the title pawn and two that said 'buy here/pay here'.

Mr. Morrison said that three meetings ago there was discussion about Kim Morris being underpaid and the County Manager was asked to see about this. Mr. Morrison asked if anything had been done on this. Mr. Marro said that it was in the works.

B. John Morrison to discuss Tax Assessors. Mr. Morrison stated that the Tax Assessor's office contracts out the 'heavy' work and still is asking for increases and an elevated position. He feels that there should be cutbacks, not increases there.

C. Buddy Fuller to discuss the vote on beer and wine sales. Mr. Fuller said that more police officers and emergency workers will be needed. Mr. Fuller said that the voters have had this issue before them twice and that a majority of people had voted this down twice. He said that this was deceitfully snuck in under some other kind of guise. Mr. Fuller asked who wanted this to be put on the agenda. Mr. Marro said that Peachstate had requested it; Ron Alexander with Peachstate Aerodrome. Mr. Fuller asked if he just called up and it got put on the agenda. Mr. Marro said that that's the way 'that procedure' (Meeting Protocol Ordinance) says. Anybody can call and get anything on the agenda that they want. Commissioner Swift said that he thought it was put on the agenda due to discussion from the Board of Commissioners. Nancy Cook said that it was brought to the Board from the stores in Pike County that wanted to be able to sell on Christmas Day and Election Day because the City of Zebulon allows it. Chairman Fry said that that was what he thought brought this about. Mr. Fuller said that he feels that the citizens got backstabbed on this. He thinks this should have been on a wider advertisement. He wanted to know who researched this. Mr. Fuller then said that he didn't want someone at the airport drinking then getting into an airplane.

D. Buddy Fuller to discuss code violations, stating that Double P. Grading is selling heavy equipment. Mr. Fuller stated that he had never said that it was Double P Grading was selling the heavy equipment. Mr. Fuller said that he didn't know until tonight who actually owned the equipment being sold. County Manager Marro said that he was going to look into this because Double P is not licensed to sell equipment. Mr. Marro said that he had been told that the equipment belonged to United Grading. Mr. Fuller said that the codes should be for everybody and that they should be enforced.

E. Jimmy Bass to discuss tax revenue exemptions. Mr. Bass asked to be removed from the agenda.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to adjourn at 10:35 pm. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

Chairman Steve Fry
Pike County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Steve Marro
County Manager